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BULGARIAN LAWS REGARDING STATE SECRETS

## LAW ON SAFEGUARDING STATE SECRETS

(From the Dzuzhaven Vestnik [Official Gazette], No 227, 28 September 1948)

## Article 1

Whoever in any way spreads information representing a state secret shall be punished by forced labor up to 5 year, provided that no greater punishment for his act is applicable.

## Article 2

Whosoever in any way spreads information representing a state secret, when this information has been confided to him by virtue of his functions, shall be punished by forced labor up to 10 years, if his act does not qualify as treason or sabotage.

### Article 3

Any military person, or civilian personnel with comparable rank, who spreads in any way information of a military nature or of the nature of a state secret shall be punished by forced labor up to 15 years, unless a greater punishment for his act is applicable.

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Military persons, or civilian personnel with comparable ranks, shall be judged for their crimes under the present law by military tribunals.

Article 4

When the acts mentioned in the preceding articles have particularly grave consequences for the security of the state and its people, the guilty persons shall be punished by sentence to hard labor for life.

Article 5

Any employee who loses objects, documents, publications, or similar items containing information constituting a state secret, shall be punished by hard labor up to 5 years, unless a greater punishment for his act is applicable.

When the loss of these documents, objects, publications, or other items has had or could have particularly serious consequences, the punishment shall be raised to 10 years of forced labor.

Article 6

Whoever facilitates, either by imprudence or by lack of vigilance, the disclosure of a state secret shall be punished by confinement.

When the preceding is due to a nonobservance of the rules for safeguarding documents, objects, papers, and other similar confidential items, the punishment shall be raised to 5 years of forced labor.

Article 7

Any department, office, or concern which is handling documents containing state secrets shall organize a special department charged with guarding state secrets and documents, objects, or confidential publications.

These departments shall function and shall be controlled according to regulations drawn up by the Minister of Interior and approved by the Council of Ministers.

The Minister of Justice is responsible for the execution of this decree.

LAW ON NATURE OF A STATE SECRET  
(From Izvestiya No 22, 16 March 1951)

The following shall constitute a state secret:

A. Information Concerning Defense of the Country

1. The location, name and numbers, organization, manpower, and material and financial resources of the army, as well as the different branches of service, their subdivisions and formations, ships, administrations, establishments, and other military objectives.

2. The condition, importance, capacity, number, and location of naval bases, coastal defenses, beacons and survey departments, airfields, warships, border guard units, administrative services, and military establishments.

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3. Military preparation, morale and political condition, as well as security measures, armament, military technology, equipment, means of communication, military transportation, motor fuel and lubricant reserves of the whole armed forces, army formations and detachments, ships, and other military objectives.

4. Mobilization and operation plans of the armed forces of the republic, the various branches of service and subdivisions, and calculations, as well as administrative, industrial, and transportation projects and measures, various branches of the national economy, territorial subdivisions, and enterprises relating to the development of means of defense in the republic.

5. The annual contingent of youths to be called up, for the whole country and for different military districts; importance, composition, condition, location, assignment, all types of reserves (of men, animals, material, means of transportation) of the different branches of service, as well as detachments, formations, sections, and other military matters of the armed forces of the republic.

6. The location, condition, financial and production plans, capacity, nomenclature of products and the importance of military production [centers]; the possibility of civilian industry to satisfy the needs of the army and to execute military commands.

7. Discoveries, inventions, rationalization and research in technical fields, as well as other data important to the defense of the country.

8. Documents (maps, printed matter, descriptions) relating to the defense of the country, to military preparation, and to army operations, as well as extracts from these documents.

9. Manpower plans, allocation, technical equipment, and work objectives of forced labor.

10. Statistical facts concerning the possibilities of the national economy to insure the strengthening of the army in time of war.

B. Information Concerning Internal Security and International Prestige

11. Manpower, the number and allocation of cadres, the organization, means and methods of work, as well as the equipment of the Ministry of Interior and its different agencies.

12. Relations, negotiations, agreements, settlements by the republic with other countries, as well as any other measures in the field of foreign politics and foreign trade, with the exception of those that are published officially.

13. State codes and the contents of coded documents.

C. Information of an Industrial or Economic Nature

14. Facts about Bulgarian industry, either as a whole or as regards its different branches, rural economy, commerce, transportation and communications, communication routes, canal and other hydroelectric power installations proclaimed secret by the Council of Ministers.

15. The situation as regards currency reserves, accounts, plans, and financial operations of the republic. Information regarding deposits and the manner in which precious metals of the treasury are guarded and transported; the value of currency; and bank notes.

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16. Plans and provisions for importing and exporting different merchandise, the importance of reserves of merchandise destined for export, as well as the importance of state reserves in general.

17. Geological reserves, as well as the mining of nonferrous and rare metals. Prospecting of natural resources.

D. Information Concerning Discoveries, Inventions, and Improvements not Having a Military Character

18. Discoveries, inventions, technical improvements, research and experiments in science, technology, and national economy until their completion, i.e., up to the time of their authorized publication.

E. Other Information

19. The Council of Ministers shall designate other information, the publication of which is not authorized.

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